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AMENDED CLAIMS

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1. (Amended) An image decoding apparatus comprising:

an analyzing section which determines a process quantity of a coded image data in each of a plurality of image decoding processes per a unit process time determined based on a parameter for said coded image data, prior to said plurality of image decoding processes; and

an image decoding section which carries out
10 each of said plurality of image decoding processes to
said coded image data for the determined process
quantity such that a decoded image data is generated
from said coded image data.

- 15 2. The image decoding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said parameter is an internal parameter of said coded image data.
- 3. The image decoding apparatus according to 20 claim 1, wherein said parameter is an external parameter for said coded image data.
 - 4. The image decoding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said parameter contains an internal
- 25 parameter of said coded image data, and an external parameter for said coded image data.

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said bit modeling decoding process to each of said plurality of code blocks from said weight coefficients and said unit process time, and determines a number of bit planes from the determined coding paths, and

- said image decoding section carries out said inverse quantization process and said inverse wavelet conversion process to said coded image data for the determined number of bit planes.
- 10 12.(Amended) An image decoding method of decoding a decoded image data from a coded image data through a plurality of decoding processes, comprising:

determining a process quantity of said coded image data in each of said plurality of image decoding

processes per a unit process time determined based on a parameter for said coded image data; and

carrying out said plurality of image decoding processes to said coded image data for the determined process quantities.

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- 13. The image decoding method according to claim
 12, wherein said parameter is an internal parameter of
 said coded image data.
- 25 14. The image decoding method according to claim 12, wherein said parameter is an external parameter for said coded image data.